GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – P.R. & R.D. Department - Allegations of irregularities in execution of the work viz. "Providing BT surface to the Road from Pamidi-Vajrakaruru to G.A. Kottala via Katrimala of Pamidi Mandal of Anantapuramu District" – Disciplinary proceedings against **Sri M. Venkataswamy,** the then Executive Engineer, PR, PIU Division, Uravakonda, Ananathapuramu (Retired on 31.07.2020) under Rule 20 of A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991- Articles of charge - Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.580 **Dated:26.09.2023.**

Read the following:

1) G.O.Rt.No.574, PR&RD (Vig.II) Department, Dt:26.09.2023
2) G.O.Rt.No.576, PR&RD (Vig.II) Department, Dt:26.09.2023

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ORDER:

In pursuance of the sanction accorded by the Government under sub-clause (i) of clause (b) of sub-rule (2) of Rule 9 of the Revised Pension Rules, 1980 and for instituting departmental proceedings under Rule 24 of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991, among others, against **Sri M. Venkataswamy,** the then Executive Engineer, PR, PIU Division, Uravakonda, Ananathapuramu (Retired on 31.07.2020) vide references 1st and 2nd read above respectively, it is proposed to hold an inquiry against him in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Service (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the enquiry is proposed to hold is set out in the enclosed statement of article of charge (Annexure-I and II). A list of documents by which and a list of witnesses by whom, the article of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-III and IV).

3. **Sri M. Venkataswamy,** the then Executive Engineer, PR PIU Division, Uravakonda, Ananathapuramu (now Retired), is directed to submit his written statement of defense within (10) days of the receipt of this order.

4. Sri M. Venkataswamy, the then Executive Engineer, PR PIU Division, Uravakonda, Ananathapuramu (now Retired), is informed that an enquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charges, which are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. **Sri M. Venkataswamy,** the then Executive Engineer, PR, PIU Division, Uravakonda, Ananathapuramu (now Retired), is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defense on or before the date specified in Para-3 above, or does not appear in person before

the inquiring authority or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of the A.P.C.S. [CC&A] Rules, 1991, or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the inquiring authority may hold the inquiry against him ex-parte.

6. The receipt of this G.O. may be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P., Vijayawada.
Sri M. Venkataswamy, the then Executive Engineer, PR, PIU Division, Uravakonda, Ananathapuramu (Retired). (w.e) (**through** the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, AP, Vijayawada) (with a request to serve the charges on the individual and furnish a served copy to Govt.,)

Copy to:
The Secretary to Vigilance Commission, A.P. Vigilance Commission, Velagapudi.
The PR&RD (Estt.I) Department.
SF/SC.

//FORWARDED::BY ORDER//

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ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT SHOWING THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI M. VENKATASWAMY, THE THEN EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PR, PIU DIVISION, URAVAKONDA, ANANATHAPURAMU (RETIRED).

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CHARGE:

That Sri M. Venkataswamy, the then Executive Engineer, PR, PIU Division, Uravakonda, Ananathapuramu (Retired had committed certain allegation of irregularities in execution of the work viz. "Providing BT surface to the Road from Pamidi-Vajrakaruru to G.A. Kottala via Katrimala of Pamidi Mandal of Anantapuramu District". He had check measured and recommended payment for the substandard quality of CC work and he is responsible for following lapses:

i. The CC cores extracted from the structures at chainages Km.2/350, Km.7/068 and at Km.10/911 (for encasing) attained the strength requirements of the next lower grade of M10 grade concrete and an amount of **Rs.23,461/-** is to be recovered from the agency towards deficiency in strength of concrete;

ii. The CC cores extracted from the structures at Km.0/831 and Km.10/911 (for head walls) failed to attain the strength requirements of specified grade of concrete and also the next lower grade of concrete and the structures were found to be liable for rejection and an amount of **Rs.2,76,155/-** is to be recovered from the contractor towards rejected components of the work;

By his above mentioned acts, Sri M. Venkataswamy, the then Executive Engineer, PR, PIU Division, Uravakonda, Ananathapuramu (Retired) failed to discharge his duties, exhibited lack of devotion to duty and lack of integrity and behaved in a manner unbecoming of a Government servant and thereby contravened Rule 3(1) and 3(2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT IN SUPPORT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI M. VENKATASWAMY, THE THEN EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PR, PIU DIVISION, URAVAKONDA, ANANATHAPURAMU (RETIRED).

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The General Administration (V&E) Department in Vigilance Report No. 52 (C.No. 2062-1/V&E/Engg/2019-1), dt:20.12.2022, has verified the work viz. "Providing BT Surface to the Road from Pamidi – Vajrakarur to G.A. Kottala via Katrimala of Pamidi Mandal in Ananthapuramu District". As per the V&E report, the irregularities and lapse on the part of PR Engineering Personnel are as follows:

i. the CC cores extracted from the structures at chainages Km.2/350, Km.7/068 and at Km.10/911 (for encasing) attained the strength requirements of the next lower grade of M10 grade concrete and an amount of **Rs.23,461/-** is to be recovered from the agency towards deficiency in strength of concrete;

ii. the CC cores extracted from the structures at Km.0/831 and Km.10/911 (for head walls) failed to attain the strength requirements of specified grade of concrete and also the next lower grade of concrete and the structures were found to be liable for rejection and an amount of **Rs.2,76,155/-** is to be recovered from the contractor towards rejected components of the work;

As per the findings of the V&E, Sri M. Venkataswamy, the then Executive Engineer, PR, PIU Division, Uravakonda, Ananathapuramu (Retired) has check measured and recommended payment for the substandard quality of work viz., "Providing BT Surface to the Road from Pamidi – Vajrakarur to G.A. Kottala via Katrimala of Pamidi Mandal in Ananthapuramu District".

By his above mentioned acts, Sri M. Venkataswamy, the then Executive Engineer, PR, PIU Division, Uravakonda, Ananthapuramu (Retired) failed to discharge his duties, exhibited lack of devotion to duty and lack of integrity and behaved in a manner unbecoming of a Government servant and thereby contravened Rule 3(1) and 3(2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

Hence, the charge.

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI M. VENKATASWAMY, THE THEN EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PR, PIU DIVISION, URAVAKONDA, ANANATHAPURAMU (RETIRED) ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED

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Vigilance Report No. 52 (C.No. 2062-1/V&E/Engg/2019-1), dt:20.12.2022.

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ANNEXURE-IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE AGAINST SRI M. VENKATASWAMY, THE THEN EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PR, PIU DIVISION, URAVAKONDA, ANANATHAPURAMU (RETIRED) ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED

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